

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003. Claims 1 to 4, 8, 15 to 19 and 21 to 23 stand allowed. Claims 9, 10 and 14 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 8 instead of Claim 6. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. This should place the application in condition for allowance. No fee is due in connection with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

Claims 6 and 9 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,931,303 to Salvadori in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,343 to Jampani. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections. Nevertheless, to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants have cancelled Claim 6 and amended Claims 9 to 13 to depend from allowed Claim 8. Therefore all of the claims are allowed or in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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